

DEFICIENCIES FOR PAPER AND PRINTING.

LETTER

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PUBLIC PRINTING,

COMMUNICATING

Estimates for Printing and Paper.

DECEMBER 10, 1860.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC PRINTING,
Washington, December 10, 1860.

SIR: It becomes my duty to inform the House of Representatives that the appropriations for the printing ordered at the last session of Congress, and for the requisite quantity of paper, have proved inadequate for those purposes. Upon the completion of the printing, it is estimated that there will be a deficiency in the appropriation therefor of one hundred and two thousand dollars, a very large proportion of which sum is now due for work executed, and the residue will be required in a few months, when the printing will be completed.

The deficiency in the appropriations for paper amounts to the sum of eighty-five thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars and thirty-eight cents, all which is now due to the contractors.

I have to request, therefore, that an appropriation may be made as follows:

“To supply deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for printing ordered by the Senate and House of Representatives at the 1st session of the 36th Congress, and for paper for the same, one hundred and eighty-seven thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars and thirty-eight cents.”

I have also to state that the appropriation for the printing of the present session of Congress is but \$70,000, and for paper \$100,000. The estimates for this service, prepared at this office, and submitted to the Register of the Treasury, required \$132,250 for the printing, and \$178,849 for the paper. The amount appropriated for the printing, (\$70,000,) notwithstanding the reduction of forty per cent. authorized by the act of the last session, will in all probability be

insufficient for the purpose; and as the paper is purchased by contract from year to year, after public advertisement, I have reason to believe that no material reduction will be made in its cost, and that the amount appropriated (\$100,000) will also be insufficient.

For these reasons I respectfully recommend that further deficiency appropriations may be made as follows:

“To supply the deficiency in the appropriation for paper required for the printing of the 2d session of the 36th Congress, fifty thousand dollars.”

“To supply the deficiency in the appropriation for the printing of the 2d session of the 36th Congress, thirty thousand dollars.”

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. HEART,
Superintendent.

Hon. WILLIAM PENNINGTON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.